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LOK SABHA

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SCHOLARSHIP TO LAKSHADWEEP STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rules for providing scholarship to Lakshadweep students for pursuing higher studies in educational institutions in mainland are in existence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such rules have since been modified/changed; and

(d) if so, the details of the existing rules?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Human Resource Development operates the National Merit Scholarship Scheme through States/UTs under which 10,762 scholarships are provided annually to meritorious students from rural areas studying in classes IX and X. Besides, 17,000 scholarships are also provided annually to meritorious students on All-India basis, including students from rural areas, studying from the post-matric to the post-graduate level.

Under the Scheme of Scholarship to Students from Non- Hindi Speaking States for Post-Matric Studies in Hindi, scholarship is also provided to 2500 students annually. The rate of scholarship ranges from Rs. 300/- to 1000/- per month.

Both these schemes are also open to Lakshadweep meritorious students.

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste students pursuing Post-Matriculation courses. The scheme is applicable throughout the country including Lakshadweep.

The NCERT is also conducting the National Talent Search Examination to identify and nurture talent of students. Under the NTS Scheme of NCERT, 1,000 scholarships are awarded every year. The scholarship amount is Rs. 200/- per month for + 2 stage, Rs.300/- per month for under graduation and Rs.500/- per month for post graduation. In addition, a book grant of Rs. 500/- per annum is given at +2 stage and Rs. 1000/- per annum to undergraduates and postgraduates. The annual parental income ceiling for full rates of scholarships is Rs. 1.50 lakhs. For annual parental income above Rs. 1.50 lakhs, 50% of the full rates of scholarship is paid.

(c)& (d) The National Merit Scholarship Scheme has been framed for implementation in the 10th Plan by merging two Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes viz. 'National Scholarship Scheme' and 'Scheme of Scholarship at Secondary Stage for Talented Children from Rural Areas'. The New National Merit Scholarship Scheme was notified to States/UTs. on 16th February, 2005. Under the scheme, the parental income ceiling for eligibility has been increased from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/- annually. The enhanced rates of scholarship w.e.f. 1st April, 2004 are as under:-

Name of the Course	Rate of Scholarships (Rs. p.m.)
9th & 10th Class (in rural areas only)	250/-
11 & 12th Classes of 10 + 2 pattern/Intermediate	300/-
B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.Archeology etc. courses of Graduate level	500/-

Scholarship at Post-Graduation level/B.E. /B.Tech / M.B.B.S./L.L.B./B.Ed./Diploma in Professional and Engineering Studies/diploma in Hotel Management Course/Diploma Course in Homeopathy/B.D.S.	750/-

The Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been modified w.e.f. 1-4-2003 and income ceiling in the revised Scheme is now Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum. The Scheme also provides for grant of maintenance allowance etc.